Strategy to bring unaccounted money into economy

4296. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the manner in which Government look at the success of the economic reforms in the face of burgeoning problems of black money;

(b) whether Government have evolved an alternative strategy to bring unaccounted money into the economy; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) A number of factors lead to the generation of black money in the economy. These, among others, include the level and structure of taxation, the effectiveness of tax administration, controls on economic activity, general laws and regulation, political finance, inflation and standards of public morality. The policy reforms initiated by the Government in the spheres of industry, trade and financial sectors are expected to control the generation of black money in the economy. Govt, are also taking legal and administrative measures from, time to time to meet the emerging situation in this area.

Proposal to *set* up joint sector banks in] commonwealth of independent states

4297. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up some joint sector banks in Uzbekistan and Tazakistan in the Commonwealth of Independent States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBl) have reported that they have allowed State Bank at India to open a representative office in Tashkent in Uzbekistan which will also serve the neighbouring states in the Commonwealth of Independent States including Tajikistan.

Suspension of Annefari system under the Agricultural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990

4298. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Annewari System' in connection with the Agricultural Debt Relief Scheme, 1990 is not in vogue in some of the States; and

(b) if so, what alternative system has been offered to these States for release of claims under the category of Non-chronic Overdues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In States where the system of declaring annewari is not in vogue, the certificates issued in the past for the year of calamity by the State Government or the delegated authorities for remission or suspension of land revenue, taccavi loans or abiana etc. would be accepted for the purpose of determining a year as bad crop year and for providing relief under the Agricultural and Rural Debt Relief (ARDR) Scheme, 1990.

उच्च श्रेणी लिपिकों तथा सहायकों के वेतनमान

4299. श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ मीम अफजल: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चतुर्थ वेतन आयोग ने उच्च श्रेणी-लिपिकों तथा सहायकों के लिये क्रमश: 1200-2040 रुपये तथा 1400-2600 रुपये के वेतनमान की सिफारिश की थी तथा सरकार ने इस सिफारिश को लागू किया था ;